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SETTING UP OF RESOURCE CENTRE FOR CYBER FORENSICS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the provisions against cyber crime in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a Resource Centre for Cyber Forensics (RCCF) in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the extent to which RCCF has been able to help the law enforcement agencies for cyber crime in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b): Yes,Sir.The Information Technology Act,2000 together with the Indian Penal Code,1860 provides legal framework for countering cyber crimes.

To strengthen the provisions against cyber crime in the country,the Government has introduced the Information Technology (Amendment)Bill,2006 in the Parliament,which inter alia provides for new forms of cyber crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form,video voyeurism,breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers,e-commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing,identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.

(c),(d) and (e): A Resource Centre for Cyber Forensics(RCCF) has been set up at CDAC,Thiruvananthapuram with the objective to develop Cyber Forensics Tool Kit,carry out R&D in Cyber Forensics to meet the requirements of the Law Enforcement Agencies and provide technical services including training to Law Enforcement Agencies.The Centre has developed several tools for Cyber Forensics, which include Disk Forensics,Network Forensics and Device Forensics.Cyber Forensics Toolkit named Cyber Check Suite has been developed indigenously by the Centre and released to Law Enforcement Agencies.

Large number of copies of the tool Kit have been distributed to various Law Enforcement Agencies in the country including Cyber Crime Investigation Cells set up in States, Forensic Labs., Security Agencies, CBI, Army Cyber Security Establishment and National Police Academy.

The Centre has conducted more than 20 basic and advanced level training programmes on Cyber Forensics to Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Centre has been actively involved in providing support to Law Enforcement Agencies in the analysis of Cyber Crime cases. Over 200 cases have been submitted.